

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA **RECREATION GUIDE**



*Recreation and Parks...
The Benefits are Endless!*



**City of Huntsville
Department of Recreation Services
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PARK RESERVATION

The City of Huntsville features many outdoor park areas for Picnics, Weddings, Birthday Parties, Family Reunions and Special Events. For questions concerning park fees and reservations, please call the Brahan Spring Recreation Center at 883-3710.

- Brahan Spring Park Pavilions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Big Spring Park. Gazebo
- Big Spring Park (East). Arbor
- Ballfield Light Rental \$15 per hour

For use of Brahan Spring Park Lagoons, John Hunt Park "Fairgrounds" or for Community Events call, 883-3708.

Other neighborhood parks are available on a first come first serve basis. Please refer to the Park list on page 10 for those locations.

All parks close one hour after sundown. Special authorization required for use after sundown.

COVER: The Miracle League of North Alabama is dedicated to providing the mentally or physically challenged children in North Alabama with the opportunity to participate in organized sports.

FACILITIES

Berachah Gym	851-4010
3011 B. Sparkman Drive, 35810	Programmer: Nellie Pike
Brahan Spring Recreation Center	883-3710
3770 Ivy Avenue, 35805	Programmer: Hoss Johnson
Cavalry Hill Community Center	427-5800
2900 Fairbanks Street, 35816	Programmer: Mary Hall
Challenger Gym	883-3715
13555 Chaney Thompson Rd., 35803	Programmer: David "Hoss" Johnson
Dr. Richard Showers, Sr. Center	851-4001
4600 Blue Spring Road, 35810	Programmer: LaLydell Mitchell
Dr. Richard Showers, Sr. Pool	851-4003
4600 Blue Spring Road, 35810	Supervisor: John Maynard
Fern Bell Recreation Center	883-3640
107 Sanders Drive, 35802	Programmer: Joey Flanders
Jaycee Community Building	883-3728
2180 Airport Road, 35801	Programmer: Eric Enchelmayer
Jim Williams Aquatic Center	427-5795
903 Monroe Street, 35801	Supervisor: Johnny Johnson
Lakewood Community Center	851-4015
3601 Kenwood Drive, 35810	Programmer: Alan Bowman
Max Luther Drive Community Center	427-5780
207 Max Luther Drive, 35811	Programmer: Randall Scott
Merrimack Soccer Complex	883-3903
3501 Triana Blvd., 35805	Programmer: Jackey Moore
Metro Sportsplex	427-5790
3590 Patton Road, 35805	Supervisor: Jay Cloys
Optimist Recreation Center	427-5775
703 Oakwood Avenue, 35811	Programmer: Tammy Waddle
Natatorium	883-3700
2213 Drake Avenue, 35805	Supervisor: Jerry Shelton
Scruggs Community Center	427-5770
600 Davis Circle, 35801	Programmer: Ed Childress
Westside Community Center & Gym	427-5785
125 Earl Street, 35805	Programmer: Brian Wilson
Williams Gym	564-8026
155 Barren Fork Blvd., 35824	

Specific information on available classes and activities, please contact the facility in your neighborhood or location nearest you.

HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
ZONE LOCATIONS

<u>ZONE 1</u>	<u>ZONE 2</u>	<u>ZONE 3</u>	<u>ZONE 4</u>
Butler	Johnson	Lee	Challenger
Huntsville	Ed White	Chapman	Farley
Blossomwood	Davis Hills	Academy for	Grissom
Jones Valley	Highlands	Arts & Science	Mountain Gap
Huntsville Middle	Rolling Hills	Terry Heights	Weatherly*
Westlawn*	Mountview	East Clinton	
Morris	University Place	Lincoln	
Ridgecrest	West Mastin Lake	Monte Sano	
West Huntsville	Lakewood	Martin Luther King, Jr.	
Whitesburg	Williams	Hampton Cove	
McDonnell	Columbia		
Chaffee*	Providence		
Stone			

* These schools may be included in more than one Zone. Contact the Zone Coordinator for more information.

PARK RULES

Standard Rules Apply to All City Parks

- Park hours are between dawn to one hour after dark, unless otherwise posted.
- Restrooms are opened each morning and closed each evening. During months with freezing temperatures, restrooms remain closed to protect the pipes.
- All pets must be kept on a leash. Pet owners are responsible for the removal of any waste deposited by their pet.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in any city park. Ordinance #84-321
- Open fires/burning or fireworks prohibited without proper permits.
- Firearms or weapons are prohibited.
- Golfing is prohibited.
- Soliciting, peddling, hand billing, posting of signs, or other advertising is prohibited without written permission from the Department of Recreation Services.
- No camping without written permission from the Department of Recreation Services.
- To damage, change or remove any park property is strictly prohibited and may result in a fine or arrest.
- Loud amplified music or noise is prohibited unless written permission is given from the Department of Recreation Services. Music may not exceed sound ordinance regulations.
- No swimming, skiing or gas operated boat in any lake or lagoon owned by the city without prior permission from the Department of Recreation Services.
- Fishing permitted at Brahan Spring Park lagoon only. All state and local license apply.
- Any person or organization that damages the park before, during or after their event may be subject to repair charges from the Department of Recreation Services.
- Climbing trees is not permitted.
- Trash must be disposed of inside trash containers. Events leaving large amounts of trash in the park may be subject to any removal charges incurred by the City.

Big Spring Park West & East Rules

- Standard Park Rules apply.
- Any person or organization wanting to use the Park for a special event must have written permission from the Department of Recreation Services.
- NO fishing in Big Spring International Park.
- No motorized vehicles, bikes, skateboards, roller blades or skates allowed on sidewalks or grassy areas of any city park. Exception: HPD's Bike Unit, wheelchairs and other special needs assistance vehicles.
- NO tents, staging, vehicle traffic, trailers, inflatable rides or toys permitted in the park without permission from the Department of Recreation Services.
- Wedding receptions are not permitted in Big Spring East. Small weddings are permitted with limited set-up with permission from the Department of Recreation Services.

Skateboard Park Rules

WARNING: The skateboard park is an unsupervised facility. Skateboarding and skating are hazardous recreational activities. Use of this facility may result in death, paralysis, brain damage, broken bones, concussion or other serious injury. Skate with safety in mind. Weather conditions may create an unsafe surface for users. Use this facility at your own risk.

- All Standard Park Rules apply.
- Helmets required. Knee and elbow pads are strongly suggested.
- Skateboards and in-line skates only. No scooters or bikes.
- Do not proceed down a ramp until clear of other skaters.
- No fighting, reckless behavior or profanity.
- Glass containers, food or beverages are not allowed on skating surface.
- No littering.
- Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- Spectators are welcome but must stay off paved area.
- Pets are not allowed in the skate area.
- Additional obstacles or other materials (ramps/jumps) may not be used at the skate park.
- Organized events must have written approval from the Director of Recreation Services.
- The park will CLOSE for graffiti removal.
- Help protect your skate park from graffiti and abuse.

Dog Park Rules

- Dogs must be current of their Rabies Vaccination as required by State Law and City Ordinance.
- Owners must scoop their pet's poop. Poop stations are available in the small and large dog areas.
- Dogs must be leashed outside the park and unleashed inside the park. Please unleash your dog in the paddock area. Your dog will be more social if it is unleashed. If you are concerned, leave a 20 foot leash attached, but drop the leash. If your pet becomes aggressive, you can gain control quickly by grabbing the leash and removing your dog.
- Owners are allowed to bring two pets. We allow two dogs/per adult to ensure safety.
- Dogs must be supervised at all times. Please do not leave your dog unattended. Your dog is your responsibility, you must monitor its behavior and whereabouts at all times.
- To ensure fun and safety, aggressive dogs should be removed from the park immediately!
- No digging allowed!
- Dogs must be four months of age to play.
- Female dogs 'in estrus' or 'heat' are not allowed to play.
- Dogs must be sterilized by a year of age to play. Sterilized dogs are happier, healthier and better behaved and don't contribute to pet overpopulation.

YOUTH SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Registration: Last two weekends in July and first weekend in August each year. Weight restrictions apply to age groups except for Flag (5-6).

Ages As of August 1:

Flag	5-6
Freshman	7-8
Sophomore	9-10
Junior	11-12



BASKETBALL

Registration: Last two weeks in October and the first weekend in November each year. Available to boys and girls.

Ages As of September 1:

6-U	10-U	14-U
8-U	12-U	17-U



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Registration: Last two weekends in February and first weekend in March each year.

Baseball Age As of April 30;
Softball Age As of August 1:

8-U	12-U	16-U
10-U	14-U	



VOLLEYBALL

Registration: Last two weekends in July and first weekend in August each year. Co-Ed.

Ages As of Sept. 1:

10-U	12-U	15-U	18-U
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RECREATIONAL SOCCER

Registration: Last two weekends in July and first weekend in August each year.

Ages As of August 1:

U-6	U-10	U-14	U-19
U-8	U-12	U-16	



CLUB SOCCER (COMPETITIVE LEVEL)

REC. PLUS	Ages:	U-9	U-10	
PREMIER	Ages:	U-11	U-14	U-17
		U-12	U-15	U-18
		U-13	U-16	U-19
CLASSIC	Ages:	U-11	U-14	U-17
		U-12	U-15	U-18
		U-13	U-16	U-19

Report any damage and abuse to the
Department of Recreation Services at (256) 564-8026.

ADULT SPORTS



SOFTBALL

METRO SPORTSPLEX

Visit us on the web at www.hsvcity.com/recreation/sportsplex

Spring, Summer and Fall Leagues

Weekday League Registration: \$475
10 game season
Post-season Tournament
Season & Post Season Tournament Trophies
Teams provide game balls

Sunday League Registration*: \$475
10 game season
Post-season Tournament
Season & Post Season Tournament Trophies
Teams provide game balls

Leagues Offered

Men's Slowpitch
Women's Slowpitch
Co-Ed Slowpitch
Church Slowpitch
Church Co-Ed Slowpitch
Sunday Night League
Sunday Night Modified Co-Ed

Facility Includes

6 lighted fields
3 fields with 295 ft. fences
3 fields with 300 ft. fences
Electronic Scoreboards
2 concession areas with great selections
Intercoms to pressboxes in dugouts
Phones to the pressboxes in dugouts
Public address system on each field
Excellent field drainage system
State of the art irrigation system
Playground equipment

Spring Weekday and Sunday League Registration is March 1-19, 2010.

Summer Weekday and Sunday League Registration is May 3-21, 2010.

Fall Weekday League Registration is July 26-August 13, 2010.

*Sunday League will offer 1 season this year consisting of 10 regular season games and a double elimination post season tournament.

Hotels/Motels and Restaurants located less than 5 minutes from Sportsplex.

BASEBALL

19 and over 40 and over
Contact the zone coordinator in your area for additional details.

VOLLEYBALL

Contact Zone Two Coordinator for additional information.

SOCCER

Contact Zone One Coordinator for additional information.

BASKETBALL

Adult Basketball League competition is held at the Berachah Gym located at 3011 B. Sparkman Dr. Registration begins the first of November. The cost is \$300/team. Season is a ten game schedule with a single-elimination tournament with the tournament finalist playing in the SportsMED Basketball Tournament. The SportsMED tournament is a yearly tournament between The Huntsville Men's Basketball League, Optimist Club of Madison Men's Basketball League, and YMCA Men's Basketball League.



HUNTSVILLE TENNIS CENTER

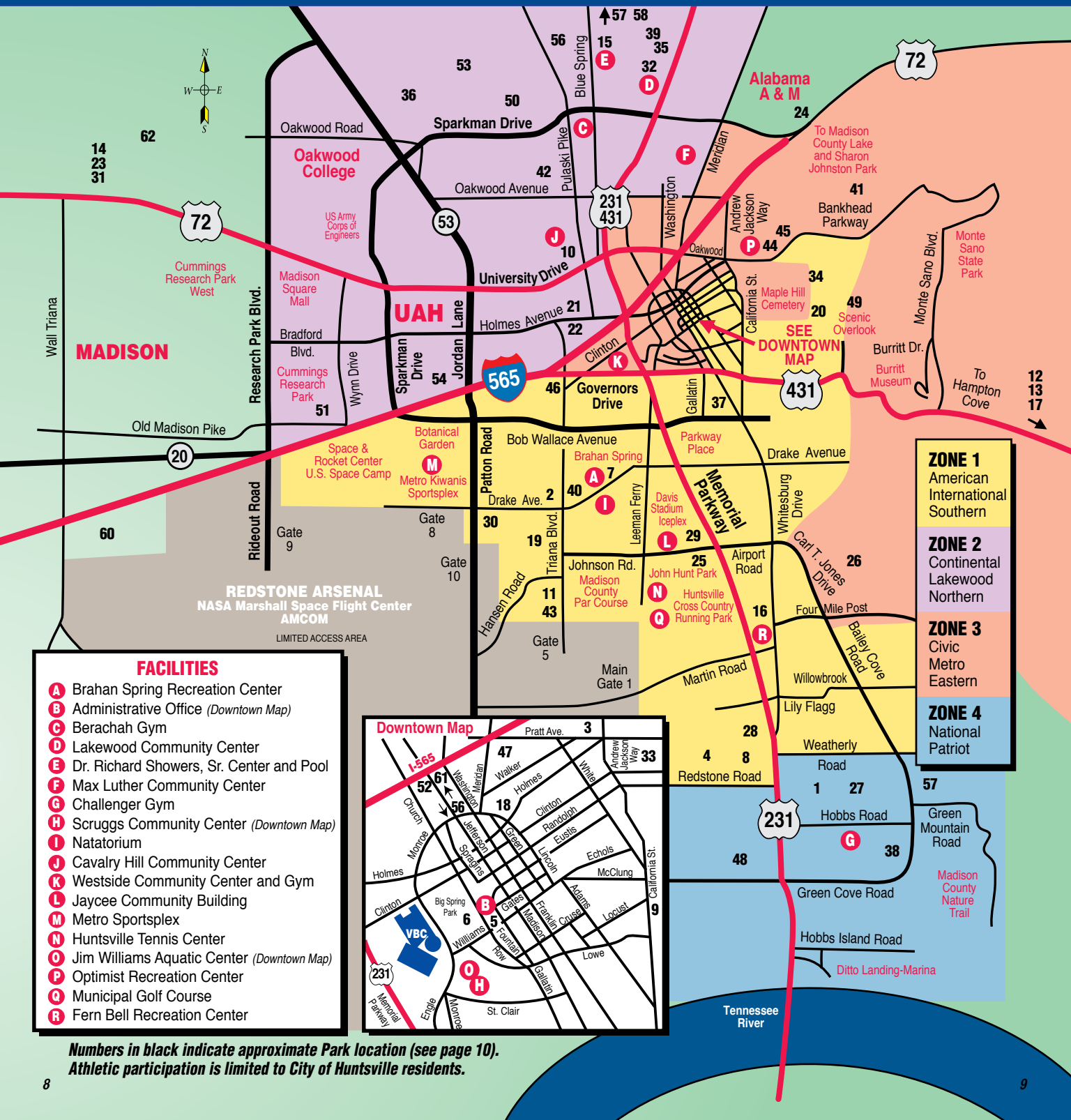
Located at 2305 Airport Road, this facility features 24 lighted rubico courts (soft), a two-story clubhouse with proshop, showers and an excellent balcony view of all the tennis courts. This facility is managed by the Huntsville Tennis Center Board. For additional information, call 883-3986.

GOLF

Becky Peirce Municipal Golf Course is an 18 hole public facility 6500 yards in length. Managed by Robertson Golf, 880-1151.



HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



Numbers in black indicate approximate Park location (see page 10).
Athletic participation is limited to City of Huntsville residents.

HUNTSVILLE CITY PARKS

ID	ZONE	PARK	LOCATION	ACREAGE
1	4	ALDRIDGE CREEK GREENWAY	1100 Mt. Gap Road	103.55
2	1	ARCHER	3315 Archer Drive	3.62
3	3	BEIRNE AVENUE PARK	330 Beirne Avenue	1.68
4	4	BELL MOUNTAIN PARK	2560 Redstone Road	30.05
5	3	BICENTENNIAL PARK	315 Fountain Circle	.30
6	3	BIG SPRING PARK	200 Church Street	17.96
7	1	BRAHAN SPRING	500 Drake Avenue	169.62
8	4	BUCHANAN PARK	10044 Fielding Drive	4.00
9	3	CALIFORNIA STREET PARK	708 California	2.00
62	2	CAPSHAW ROAD PARK (PROPOSED)	Capshaw Road	63.00
10	3	CAVALRY HILLS	2800 Poplar Avenue	6.91
11	1	CHELSEA PARK	2851 Chelsea	3.50
12	3	BIG COVE CREEK GREENWAY	Old Highway 431	53.40
13	3	COVE PARK	834 Old Highway 431	98.04
14	2	CREEKWOOD	Slaughter Road	71.88
61	3	DOG SPOT	200 Cleveland Avenue	1.50
15	2	DR. RICHARD SHOWERS, SR. PARK	4600 Blue Spring Road	17.70
16	1	FERN BELL / FERN GULLEY PARK	6900 Whitesburg Drive	14.2
17	3	GOLDSMITH SCHIFFMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY	Taylor & Terry Drake Rds.	375.70
18	3	HALSEY PARK	435 White Street	.20
19	3	HASTINGS PARK	2801 Hastings Road	.34
20	3	HERMITAGE PARK	915 Kennamer Drive	4.11
21	2	HILLENDALE PARK	2811 Holmes Avenue	.39
22	3	HOLMES AVENUE PARK	Holmes Avenue	2.59
23	2	INDIAN CREEK GREENWAY	Slaughter Road	61.68
24	2	JAMES C. CRAWFORD	3915 Melody Lane	8.33
25	1	JOHN HUNT PARK	2151 Airport Road	428.01
26	1	JONES FARM PARK	Carl T. Jones Drive	33.00
27	4	KEN JOHNSTON PARK	1100 Mt. Gap Road	18.36
28	1	KENT ROBERTSON PARK	7620 Logan Drive	13.68
29	1	KIDS' SPACE	210 Airport Road	
30	1	KIWANIS SOCCER PARK	4201 Bob Wallace Avenue	6.39
31	2	KNOX CREEK PARK	180 Greenbank Drive	26.76
32	2	LAKEWOOD PARK	2225 York Road	32.45
33	3	LEWTER PARK	1501 Wellman	.52
34	3	MAPLE HILL PARK	1351 McClung	8.64
35	2	MAPLEWOOD PARK	4943 N. Memorial Parkway	9.5
36	2	MASTIN LAKE PARK	3315 Watson Drive	31.73
37	3	MAYFAIR PARK	550 Thornton	8.88
38	4	MCGUCKEN PARK	13020 Bailey Cove	37.10
39	2	MEADOW HILL PARK	Medaris	1.06
40	1	MERRIMACK PARK	3501 Triana Blvd.	46.80
41	3	OAK PARK	2250 Oakwood Avenue	9.30
42	2	OAKMONT PARK	2224 Euclid	3.72
43	1	OGDEN MARTIN PARK	5251 Triana Blvd.	2.50
44	3	OPTIMIST PARK	703 Oakwood Avenue	8.50
45	3	PHILPOT PARK	1211 Philpot Avenue	4.00
46	1	PINE PARK	3951 Pine Avenue	2.34
47	3	ROBERT E. "BUD" CRAMER JR. PARK	600 Meridian Street	2.80
48	4	SANDHURST PARK	2928 Green Cove	17.10
49	1	SCENIC OVERLOOK	2251 Governors Drive SE	4.50
50	2	SCENIC VIEW PARK	2705 Scenic View	5.10
51	2	SHERWOOD PARK	325 Town & Country	5.00
52	3	SKATE PARK	200 Cleveland Avenue	.66
53	2	STONER PARK	3715 Bragg Street	67.62
54	2	UNIVERSITY PARK	4419 Sandra Lane	10.74
55	3	VETERANS PARK	200 Monroe Street	52.64
56	2	WADE MOUNTAIN PRESERVE	Spragins Hollow Road	559.00
57	4	WILLOW PARK	1928 Aftonbrae	9.34
58	2	WINDSOR MANOR PARK	6500 Pisgah	7.99
60	2	ZIERDT ROAD (PROPOSED)	Zierdt Road	52.00

	Soccer	Football	Baseball	Softball	Lighted Fields	Tennis Courts	Playground	Restroom	Concessions	Basketball	Pavilion
League											
National											
Southern	X			X		X	X	X			X
Civic			X	X		X	X				
Patriot	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Metro											
Southern	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Patriot	X					X	X			X	X
International						X	X	X		X	X
Metro		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Southern				X			X			X	X
Eastern											
Eastern	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Continental											
Civic											
Lakewood			X	X	X		X	X	X		X
American	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Metro											
Southern							X				
International						X	X				X
Metro				X			X			X	X
Continental											
Lakewood			X				X	X		X	X
Southern	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		
National											
National	X						X				X
American	X			X		X	X	X		X	X
Southern							X	X			
Lakewood			X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Civic							X				
Civic				X			X				X
Lakewood				X			X	X			X
Northern	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
International			X	X	X		X	X	X		X
National	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Lakewood	X			X			X				X
Southern	X				X		X				
Civic			X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Northern							X				
Southern				X			X				
Civic			X		X			X	X		
Civic						X					X
Southern							X				
Civic							X				
Patriot	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X
International											
Northern				X			X				X
Continental	X			X			X				X
Civic											
Northern			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Continental			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Metro											
National											
Lakewood				X		X	X	X		X	X

YOUTH SERVICE



The Youth Services program works with city agencies and community organizations to provide programs that prevent negative behavior. Through collaboration with local organizations, programs have been established to address problems such as drug and substance abuse, gangs, and school drop-out rate. Other programs established include seminars for women and children in abusive homes, academic achievement classes, parenting education, AID/HIV seminars and testing, and many others. In addition, Youth Services regularly presents educational programs and seminars to schools, churches, and business organizations to address the needs of youth.



YOUTH SERVICES PROVIDES PROGRAMS AT THESE CENTERS

Cavalry Hill Community Center	427-5800
Westside Community Center	427-5785
Dr. Richard Showers, Sr. Center	851-4001

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Basketball	Martial Arts	Sewing classes
Football	Arts & Crafts	Field Trips
Volleyball	Ceramics	Senior's Programs
Piano Lessons	Aerobics	

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDED

Computer Training	Tutoring
Parenting Education	Drug Awareness
Job Interviewing Skills	Food Share
TRAP - Program for Women & Children in Abusive Homes	Cocaine Anonymous
Madison County Health Dept.	Area One Council
Community Action Agency	Financial Aid
	Seminar-College

SPECIAL POPULATIONS



Department of Recreation Services is dedicated to offering programs to the physically and mentally challenged from Kinder (pre-school) through Senior Citizens with the development of its Special Populations programming. As

the population within the city becomes more and more diverse, the Special Populations staff will ensure there is recreation to meet those changing needs. Special populations activities:

- Adventure Recreation
- Participation in the Summer Day Camp Alabama Games
- Christmas Party
- A.R.P.A. Spring Camporee at Camp A.S.C.C.A.
- State Special Olympic Competition
- Out-of-Town Field Trips
- Supersports Saturday
- Challenger Baseball
- Catfish Roundup

SAND VOLLEYBALL



The City of Huntsville has 6 sand volleyball courts located in Brahan Spring Park.

Hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

OPEN COURTS: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily

Reserve Courts: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Reservation Fee \$10.00 per court, per hour

Tournament fees: \$100.00 per day, plus \$25.00 per hour for lights
Group reservation rates \$100.00 half day, \$200.00 full day + lights (includes pavilion)

For more information on the Sand Volleyball courts, call 883-3710.

AQUATICS

NATATORIUM



Located in the Brahan Spring Park (Drake Ave.) maintains a water temperature of approximately 82 degrees. The Natatorium features (2) three meter and (2) one meter diving boards, is 50 meters long by 25 yards wide and one of the finest indoor/outdoor swimming facilities in the nation. Facility has showers, lockers, sundeck, and motorized roof that can be rolled back on warm days. Public swimming, diving, and water aerobic classes are available year-round. Facility also offers year-round competitive swim and dive teams. For more information call 883-3700.

JIM WILLIAMS AQUATIC CENTER



This recently renovated indoor facility located close to the Von Braun Center maintains a water temperature of approximately 90 degrees and is totally accessible for the disabled. Red Cross W.S.I. Lifeguarding, CPR and First Aid classes are offered for the professional rescuer, as well as, water aerobics,

aquatic exercise and swim classes for ages 6 months through adult.

DR. RICHARD SHOWERS, SR. POOL

Huntsville's newest aquatic facility located inside the Dr. Richard Showers, Sr. Center features (2) one meter diving boards, a pool side hydraulic chair lift, is 25 yards by 15 yards, varies in depth from 3.5 feet to 12 feet and maintains a water temperature of approximately 84 degrees. Red Cross Swim Classes available.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

WALLY VESS YOUTH FISHING RODEO

This annual event held the first Saturday in June at the Brahan Spring Park lagoon south of Drake Avenue is free to kids ages 6 -12. Participants fish for two hours to win prizes and trophies donated by local businesses.



CONCERTS IN THE PARK

From June through mid-August, local talent perform each Monday night from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in Big Spring Park. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their picnic basket and blankets to enjoy a relaxing evening in the park. Co-sponsored by the Arts Council, Inc. For a schedule and additional information: www.hsvcity.com or 883-3708.



JAYCEE COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Jaycee Community Building has 12,000 square feet available for rent for community functions. Located at 2180 Airport Road, the building has a capacity of 550-600 for reception and 400 for sit-down events. A caterer's kitchen is available. Call 256-883-3728 for more information.

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